



**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

*In re application of:* Zarling *et al.*

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Sir:

Applicants have considered the Office Action mailed 17 June 2003 (Paper No. 16) and offer the following revised amendments and remarks. Applicants wish to thank the Examiner for giving them two months in which to submit a revised Amendment in compliance with 37 CFR 1.121, effective, 21 March 2001. This Amendment is essentially the same as the Amendment filed 1 April 2003 (Paper No. 15) with the exception that the specific text of claims 7, 12, 13, 15-17, 21 and 25-28 are included. Accompanying this Amendment is a Petition for Extension of Time under 37 CFR § 1.136(a), containing a provision for payment of the appropriate fee, extending the period for response by one month, to and including 17 August 2003. Please amend the application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 9 of this paper.